Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, the modifications in fee schedules, items of cost or profit factors shall be made immediately upon notification of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare's objection resulting in the intention to eliminate all or a portion of federal reimbursement. All fee schedules, items of cost or profit factors not established by the General Assembly in the appropriation shall have approval of the Governor prior to implementation. Nothing in this section requires reimbursement to the State of Maryland by vendors because of past payments based upon allowable fee schedules, items of cost or profit factors established by the General Assembly for actual services rendered prior to the effective date of notification of any modification in the fee schedules, items of cost or profit factors. Payments under the Medical Assistance Program will be adjusted immediately upon establishment of modified fee schedules, items of cost or profit factors for those services not previously reimbursed irrespective of the date the services were rendered, provided, however, that the payment will be made based upon the lesser of the modified fee schedules, items of cost or profit factors or those in existence at the time the services were provided. That any funds included in this budget for the care and treatment of persons in Nursing Homes or Intermediate Care Facilities may be transferred by approved budget amendment between the Department of Social Services and the State Department of Health in order to earn federal matching funds under the Social Security Act.'

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